Spring ahead with 4-H

2005 SPRING NEWSLETTER



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2005 CHESTERFIELD 4-H CAMP

Camping Period: July 18 - 22 (Monday - Friday)

Camp Fee: \$195.00 (includes lodging, meals, t-shirt and round trip

transportation)

Transportation: Charter Bus/1 pick-up point (Ironbridge Park)

Registration: First Come-First Served

Phone: 751-4401 for application form

Activities: Olympic size swimming pool with lifequards. Ropes and Initiative

Courses, Canoeing, Archery Range, Basketball & Volleyball Courts. This year campers will be able to select three classes and six funshops. Some of the classes offered are: Swimming, Canoeing, Archery, Marine Science, Fishing, Forestry, Air Riflery, etc.

Facilities: 2 air-conditioned lodges, 4 air conditioned cabins, health clinic,

dining/recreation hall, amphitheater, aquatic classroom/laboratory.

CHESTERFIELD 4-H DAY CAMP

Come explore the wonders of the world with Chesterfield 4-H! This year the Chesterfield 4-H Teen Club will offer two different Day Camps in July. The first camp will be held July 6 - 8 for youth ages 9 - 11. The theme for this camp is "Around the World". The second camp will be held July 27 - 28 for youth ages 5 - 8. The theme for this camp is "Gardening & Nutrition." Hours for both camps are 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please contact Jaime at the Extension Office for more information and a registration form.

IMPORTANT DATES

April 9	-	District Contest - Charles City Middle/High School Presentations & Fashion Revue (a.m.) Public Speaking/Share-the-Fun (p.m.)
May 2	-	Chesterfield 4-H Development Fund Scholarships Due - Contact Extension Office for application form
May 21 - 22	-	Northeast District 4-H Horse Show - Dorey Park - Henrico Saturday - Western Sunday - Hunter
June 11	-	James River Clean-Up Great community service project for your club. Free T-shirt and lunch for all participants.
June 20 - 23	-	State 4-H Congress
July 6 - 8	-	Chesterfield 4-H Day Camp - Ages 9 - 11 Main Exhibition Bldg., Chesterfield County Fairgrounds
July 10 - 16	-	2005 Citizenship-Washington Focus Conference National 4-H Center - Scholarships available for teens
July 18 - 22	-	Chesterfield 4-H Camp

Chesterfield 4-H Day Camp - Ages 5 - 8

State 4-H Horse Show - Lexington, Virginia

Main Exhibition Bldg., Chesterfield County Fairgrounds

July 27 - 28 -

September 15 - 18

CHESTERFIELD 4-H TEEN EVENTS

BE A 4-H CAMP COUNSELOR - If you would like to be a teen counselor, phone for a special application. You must be 14 by January 1, 2005. All expenses paid by the Chesterfield 4-H Development Fund. All teen counselors are required to attend trainings locally and at Jamestown 4-H Center.

CHESTERFIELD 4-H TEEN CLUB - Current activities for the Teen Club include a unit on Foods and Nutrition and plans for conducting two 4-H Day Camps this summer. Fundraising activities and trips are also in the works. Come join the fun. Meetings are held in the Extension Office Classroom from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Meeting dates for the next few months are: March 10, April 14 and May 12. Contact Jaime for further details.



STATE 4-H CONGRESS - June 20 - 23. Held at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg. Any teen 4-H'er who gives a presentation at the County level will be eligible to give a presentation at Congress. Others can attend and participate in educational tracts. Chesterfield 4-H Development Fund has partial scholarships

available.



CITIZENSHIP-WASHINGTON FOCUS - will be held July 10 - 16 at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland. The Chesterfield Ruritan Club has donated a full scholarship in the past for a Chesterfield senior 4-H member to attend this event. A full scholarship is

also available from the 4-H Development Fund. Please check with your senior members.

CHESTERFIELD 4-H DEVELOPMENT FUND

4-H SCHOLARSHIPS - The Chesterfield 4-H Development Fund will once again be offering scholarships to 4-H members who are graduating from high school this spring. Application forms are available from the Extension Office or on the Chesterfield 4-H website.

SPECIALTY CAMPS AND TRIPS OFFERED BY JAMESTOWN 4-H CENTER (Phone for brochure)

Jamestown 4-H Center will be offering two Cloverbud Camps this summer - June 17 - 19 and August 12 - 14. Marine Science Camp will be offered August 19 - 21. There will be eight separate weeks of Teen Adventure Specialty Camps, including 2 weeks of Mr. Ed's Wild Ride, 2 weeks of Outer Banks Adventures, 2 weeks of Crazy about Caves, and two weeks of Travelin the AT. Phone the Extension Office for a brochure.

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

JAMES RIVER CLEAN-UP - The Extension Office in cooperation with other county and regional agencies is sponsoring a 50 mile clean-up of the James River on Saturday, June 11. Shoreline and river clean-ups will be conducted from Cartersville to Dutch Gap. Free T-shirts and lunch to registered participants.

4-H INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM - Host families are being recruited for the 2005 - 2006 4-H High School Exchange. Virginia will be hosting students from Japan and from the 4-H FLEX Exchange, which includes the Eurasian countries of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan. Exchange students arrive in late July or early-to-mid-August and live with their host families for 10 to 11 months. They usually attend public high school. All 4-H exchange students speak English, are above average in school and have their own spending money. If your family is interested in hosting a high school exchange student, please let me know so that we can begin the application process.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR MONTH-LONG EXCHANGE - Host families are also being recruited for the month-long Japanese exchange program. Youth arrive July 22 and return to Japan August 18. This is a reciprocal exchange, with the host siblings having the chance to travel to Japan for a month next summer. This is a great opportunity to participate first-hand in a Global Society. Please contact me if you are interested in further details about this exciting experience.

SPECIAL NEWS

Beginning sometime in mid-August, I will be out of the office for several weeks as I deliver my new baby. Please rest assured that normal programming should continue during that time as plans are being made for other Extension staff members and volunteer leaders to help coordinate the events during my absence. As always, you will be able to contact Donna with any questions that you may have.

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